

CITY OF APOPKA

Minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on December 7, 2016, at 1:30 p.m., in the City of Apopka Council Chambers.

PRESENT: Mayor Joe Kilsheimer
Commissioner Billie Dean
Commissioner Diane Velazquez
Commissioner Doug Bankson
Commissioner Kyle Becker
City Attorney Cliff Shepard
City Administrator Glenn Irby

PRESS PRESENT: Teresa Sargeant - The Apopka Chief
Reggie Connell, The Apopka Voice

INVOCATION: Mayor Kilsheimer introduced Pastor Waldemar Serrano of Remnant Christian Center, who gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Kilsheimer said 75 years ago in the early morning hours of December 7, 1941, a fleet of 360 Japanese war planes launched a surprise attack on the American Naval Base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. A total of 2400 were killed and 1200 were wounded in the attack, and much of the Pacific fleet was rendered useless. In a radio address the following day, President Franklin D. Roosevelt remarked that it was a day that will live in infamy. America was irrevocably drawn into World War II, and at home and across the Nation, emergency planning went into effect. The Apopka City Council held a special meeting on December 16, 1941 to formalize an emergency plan, including discussions about air raids and blackouts. Within months, Apopka and its residents had readied the City's airfield, initiated a pilot training school, and established a search light battalion and provided land and infrastructure for housing troops. He asked everyone to reflect on the sacrifice of those who have given their lives in service to our great Nation and upon the contributions of Apopkans during the war effort as he led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. City Council meeting November 16, 2016.

MOTION by Commissioner Becker, and seconded by Commissioner Velazquez to approve the minutes of November 16, 2016. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Kilsheimer, and Commissioners Dean, Velazquez, Bankson and Becker voting aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT/STAFF RECOGNITION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Employee Recognition:

Five Year Service Award – Christopher “Chris” Lenahan – Fire/Suppression - Fire Fighter 1st Class – 11/02/2011. Chris began working for the City on November 2, 2011, as a Fire Fighter 1st Class, which is his current position. The City Commissioners joined Mayor Kilsheimer in congratulating Chris for his years of service.

Ten Year Service Award – Tamara “Tami” Hobbick – Administration - Secretary I –

11/06/2006. Tami began working for the City on November 6, 2006, as a Receptionist. On May 7, 2007, she transferred to Human Resources and became a Human Resources Specialist I, and on April 25, 2016, she transferred to Administration as a Secretary I, which is her current position. The City Commissioners joined Mayor Kilsheimer in congratulating Tami for her years of service.

Ten Year Service Award – Daniel “Dan” Garcia – Police/Field Services - Police Sergeant – 11/20/2006. Dan began working for the City on November 20, 2006, as a Police Officer. On September 11, 2016, he was promoted to Police Sergeant, which is his current position. Mayor Kilsheimer announced Dan is currently serving active duty in the military and his award will be presented when he returns. Dan received a round of applause for his service to this country.

Fifteen Year Service Award – Rhonda Cline – Recreation/Athletics - Recreation Specialist – 11/05/2001. Rhonda began working for the City on November 5, 2001, as a Recreation Specialist, which is her current position. The City Commissioners joined Mayor Kilsheimer in congratulating Rhonda on her years of service.

Fifteen Year Service Award – Reagan Rizo – Police/Field Services - Lead Police Officer – 11/19/2001. Reagan began working for the City on November 19, 2001, as a Police Officer. On January 27, 2013, he was assigned as a Lead Police Officer, which is his current position. Reagan was not present and his award will be presented at another time.

Presentation:

1. Canterwood Manor request for financial assistance presentation.
Joel Haas said as they got into the Canterwood Manor project, they felt there was a real opportunity for the City to participate with them in a way that would not cost the City any money, but might put some money back in their coffers. He thanked the City for working with them on this project and said their plan is to start in February.

James Swan, Managing Director with Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Inc., said he is working with the team on the Canterwood Bond financing. He stated he was here to inquire if the City would be willing to act as the conduit issuer of tax exempt bonds they propose to issue to fund the construction of this project. He advised the City would not be financially nor legally responsible or reliable for these bonds. This would allow for the team to gain access to the tax exempt market as a funding mechanism for the project.

Mike Williams with Akerman Senterfitt Law Firm, Orlando, said there was no liability to the City. He advised the bonds would be issued under Chapter 159.2 and all of the documents will make the statement of no liability to the City. In response to Mayor Kilsheimer, he affirmed it does not affect the performance of the City's credit or bond rating.

Glenn Irby advised this would require a resolution that will be brought back to City Council for consideration.

Mayor Kilsheimer said, without objection, staff will be directed to proceed.

Appropriations/Donations/Grants

1. Authorize the acceptance of the Cops Hiring Program grant and approve the funding.

MOTION by Commissioner Velazquez, and seconded by Commissioner Becker to authorize acceptance of the Cops Hiring Program grant and approve the funding for same. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Kilsheimer, and Commissioners Dean, Velazquez, Becker, and Bankson voting aye.

2. Acceptance of a grant award from the Committee of One Hundred of Orange County, Inc.

MOTION by Commissioner Bankson, and seconded by Commissioner Dean to accept a grant award from Committee of One Hundred of Orange County, Inc. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Kilsheimer, and Commissioners Dean, Velazquez, Becker, and Bankson voting aye.

Public Comment:

Lori Schweitzer said she had previously spoken to Council as President of the Apopka Woman's Club about their concern of the recreation plan presented that would encompass Kit Land Nelson Park and Edward's Field. She reviewed a map of the Art and Foliage Festival layout. She stated she would like to offer a walkthrough of the park for a firsthand look at the foot print. She said if a splash pad is to be constructed, they would request construction start in May so not to affect the festival.

Alexander Smith expressed concern regarding the need for sidewalks between Central and Park Avenue south of Michael Gladden Boulevard. He also spoke of the Martin Luther King Parade sponsored by the South Apopka Ministerial Alliance and asked the City to consider being a sponsor of the parade. He said that sponsorship is \$2,000.

Roscoe Griffin expressed concern regarding speeding on the streets in Apopka and lighting of the streets, especially Tenth Street. He asked if speed bumps could be placed on the streets to help get this under control.

Ray Shackelford said he only wants fairness, inclusion, and respect for all people in the community and respect for our tax dollars and fiscal integrity. He inquired with Item 10 on the Consent Agenda if there was a local company that could perform the same task at a lower cost. He asked this item be pulled and Council vote no on it. He called upon Council to do a budget amendment for the \$103,000 set aside for Gospel Fest and use some of that money for the Apopka sports teams.

Suzanne Kidd said Council held a lengthy discussion last week at a workshop on the merits of a new approach to recreation regarding a central park concept. She stated this plan, if approved, would combine Kit Land Nelson Park, Edwards Field, and the Fran Carlton property into one large unified recreation destination, easily accessible to all. She declared this was a brilliant visionary approach to provide Apopka residents with year round recreation amenities that they have expressed a desire for the city to provide. She pointed out that a Parks and Recreation Master Plan Committee that was appointed to meet and make recommendations for a master plan. Also the visioning process that was held over seven months allowed citizens of all ages to participate.

She declared both groups came to the conclusion that Apopka needs to provide residents with access to quality recreation amenities. She urged Council to approve this central park concept.

CONSENT (Action Item)

1. Authorize the renewal of Police Department Mutual Aid Agreements with local jurisdictions.
2. Authorize the presentation of a service weapon to retired officer.
3. Authorize the purchase of a 3-D Laser Scanner for the Police Forensics Unit.
4. Authorize the negotiation of a contract with Motorola for the installation of a northern communication site.
5. Authorize a contract with the Department of Corrections for an inmate work squad.
6. Approve the alignment and construction of Brush Drive and a reallocation of funds.
7. Authorize the purchase of a vehicle for the Fire Department.
8. Authorize the purchase of one Rear Loader Refuse for the Sanitation Division.
9. Authorize a Change Order for the Water Reclamation Facility Expansion and Improvements Project.
10. Award a Professional Services Agreement to update the Land Development Code.
11. Authorize the disposal of surplus playground equipment and the removal from the city asset list.

MOTION by Commissioner Velazquez, and seconded by Commissioner Becker, to approve the eleven items on the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Kilsheimer, and Commissioners Dean, Velazquez, Bankson and Becker voting aye.

BUSINESS

1. Final Development Plan & Development Agreement – Emerson North Townhomes
Mayor Kilsheimer announced this was a quasi-judicial hearing. Witnesses were sworn in by the clerk.

Rogers Beckett, Senior Project Coordinator, provided the initial lead-in on this project stating it was for approval of the Final Development Plan and Development Agreement. He reviewed the site location stating it was 21.42 acres with the development itself over 17.1 acres. Approximately 4 acres are set aside for a right-of-way that is being dedicated to the City of Apopka. This plan is fairly consistent with what the Council reviewed in September with the wall being changed to a decorative precast wall. There are a total of 136 Townhomes and DRC, as well as Planning Commission recommend approval.

David Moon, Planning Manager, said part of City Council action includes the Development Agreement. This specifically addresses the construction of Harmon Road East and the cost share.

John Townsend, Civil Engineer for the project, said they have worked with staff on this project and agree with all staff recommendations.

Mayor Kilsheimer 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 Dean, to approve the Final Development Plan and Development Agreement for Emerson North Townhomes, as presented. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Kilsheimer, and Commissioners Dean, Velazquez, Becker, and Bankson voting aye.

2. Final Development Plan/Plat – Maudehelen, Phase 4.
Mayor Kilsheimer announced this was a quasi-judicial hearing. Witnesses were sworn in by the clerk.

Mr. Beckett provided a brief lead-in for this project. He said this is the last phase for this project. Approximately a month ago they vacated a section of Johns Road and this allowed for them to revise their plan with the realignment of Johns Road.

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 approve the Final Development Plan/Plat for Maudehelen, Phase 4, as presented. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Kilsheimer, and Commissioners Dean, Velazquez, Becker, and Bankson voting aye.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/ORDINANCES/RESOLUTION

1. **Ordinance No. 2510 – Second Reading – Code of Ordinances, Chapter 74 “Business Tax Receipts”.** Postponed to December 21, 2016.
2. **Ordinance No. 2511 – Second Reading – Code of Ordinances, Chapter 86 “Vehicles for Hire”.** Postponed to December 21, 2016.

MOTION made by Commissioner Bankson, and seconded by Commissioner Becker to postpone Ordinance No. 2510 and Ordinance No. 2511 to the December 21, 2016 meeting. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Kilsheimer, and Commissioners Dean, Velazquez, Becker, and Bankson voting aye.

3. **Ordinance No. 2532 – First Reading – Small Scale Future Land Use Amendment.** The City Clerk read the title as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2532

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT OF THE APOPKA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF APOPKA; CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM “COUNTY” RURAL (1 DU/ 10 AC) TO “CITY” RESIDENTIAL LOW SUBURBAN (3.5 DU/AC), FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT PLYMOUTH SORRENTO RD., COMPRISING 0.302 ACRES MORE OR LESS, AND

**OWNED BY CENTRAL FLORIDA EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY;
PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

MOTION by Commissioner Velazquez, and seconded by Commissioner Bankson to approve Ordinance No. 2532 at First Reading and carry it over for a Second Reading. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Kilsheimer, and Commissioners Dean, Velazquez, Becker, and Bankson voting aye.

4. **Ordinance No. 2533 – First Reading – Change of Zoning.** The City Clerk read the title as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2533

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING FROM “COUNTY” A-1 TO “CITY” R-1A FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED AT PLYMOUTH SORRENTO RD., COMPRISING 0.302 ACRES MORE OR LESS, AND OWNED BY CENTRAL FLORIDA EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

MOTION by Commissioner Velazquez, and seconded by Commissioner Dean to approve Ordinance No. 2533 at First Reading and carry it over for a Second Reading. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Kilsheimer, and Commissioners Dean, Velazquez, Becker, and Bankson voting aye.

5. **Ordinance No. 2534 – First Reading – Comp Plan Amendment – Capital Improvements Element.** The City Clerk read the title as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2534

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT OF THE APOPKA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF APOPKA; INCORPORATING THE ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE CITY’S FIVE YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Kyle Wilkes, Planner, provided a brief lead-in stating this amendment is an annual update to the Capital Improvement Element of the Comprehensive Plan as required by the Florida

Statutes, as well as policy of the Capital Improvement Element that states the City will review and update the short term needs within a five year basis that improves capacity or provides for population growth. He advised this allows CIP update incorporated by ordinance and does not require state review, but will be sent to the state for information purposes only.

Mayor Kilsheimer 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 Velazquez to approve Ordinance No. 2534 at First Reading and carry it over for a Second Reading. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Kilsheimer, and Commissioners Dean, Velazquez, Becker, and Bankson voting aye.

6. **Ordinance No. 2535 – First Reading – Change of Zoning.** The City Clerk read the title as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2535

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING FROM “COUNTY” A-1 (ZIP) TO “CITY” AG (AGRICULTURE) FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED WEST OF PHILS LANE, EAST OF GOLDEN GEM ROAD, COMPRISING 15.04 ACRES MORE OR LESS, AND OWNED BY JACK AND JOYCE CRAVEY; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Kilsheimer announced this was a quasi-judicial hearing.

Mayor Kilsheimer 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 Dean to approve Ordinance No. 2535 at First Reading and carry it over for a Second Reading. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Kilsheimer, and Commissioners Dean, Velazquez, Becker, and Bankson voting aye.

7. **Ordinance No. 2536 – First Reading – Small Scale Future Land Use Amendment.** The City Clerk read the title as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2536

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT OF THE APOPKA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF APOPKA; CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM RESIDENTIAL HIGH (0-15 DU/AC) TO COMMERCIAL (MAX 0.25), FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1351 TROPICANA CIRCLE, COMPRISING

**6.4 ACRES MORE OR LESS, AND OWNED BY MARSHALL HOWARD;
PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Mr. Wilkes provided a brief lead-in and advised this was to change the future land use designation from residential high to commercial. He advised this is compatible with the surrounding uses. The Planning Commission and DRC recommend approval.

Mayor Kilsheimer 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 Dean to approve Ordinance No. 2536 at First Reading and carry it over for a Second Reading. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Kilsheimer, and Commissioners Dean, Velazquez, Becker, and Bankson voting aye.

8. **Ordinance No. 2537 – First Reading – Change of Zoning.** The City Clerk read the title as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2537

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING FROM R-3 (RESIDENTIAL) TO C-1 (RETAIL COMMERCIAL) FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED EAST OF ORANGE BLOSSOM TRAIL, NORTH OF KENNETH STREET, COMPRISING 6.4 ACRES MORE OR LESS, AND OWNED BY MARSHALL HOWARD; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Kilsheimer announced this was a quasi-judicial hearing. Witnesses were sworn in by the clerk.

Mr. Wilkes said this is the same property as before and it is consistent with the proposed commercial land use designation. Applicant is requesting C-1 for expansion of their retail/wholesale facilities. DRC and Planning Commission reviewed the proposed amendment and found it consistent with the Land Development Code and recommended approval.

In response to Commissioner Velazquez, Mr. Moon advised at this point they are addressing the land use and the zoning. Whether they expand the gun range will be addressed at the next application process.

Mayor Kilsheimer 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 Becker to approve Ordinance No. 2537 at First Reading and carry it over for a Second Reading.

Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Kilsheimer, and Commissioners Dean, Velazquez, Becker, and Bankson voting aye.

9. **Ordinance No. 2538 – First Reading – Small Scale Future Land Use Amendment.** The City Clerk read the title as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2538

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT OF THE APOPKA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF APOPKA; CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM “COUNTY” LOW-MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (0-10 DU/AC) TO “CITY” INDUSTRIAL (MAX 0.6), FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 202 S HAWTHORNE AVE AND 300 W 2ND STREET, COMPRISING 0.74 ACRES MORE OR LESS, AND OWNED BY PROPERTY INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES LLC; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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 Bankson to approve Ordinance No. 2538 at First Reading and carry it over for a Second Reading. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Kilsheimer, and Commissioners Dean, Velazquez, Becker, and Bankson voting aye.

10. **Ordinance No. 2539 – First Reading – Change of Zoning.** The City Clerk read the title as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2539

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING FROM R-2 (ZIP) TO I-1 (RESTRICTED INDUSTRIAL) FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED WEST OF HAWTHORNE AVENUE, SOUTH OF 2ND STREET, COMPRISING 0.74 ACRES MORE OR LESS, AND OWNED BY PROPERTY INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES, LLC; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Kilsheimer announced this was a quasi-judicial hearing. Witnesses were sworn in by the clerk.

Mr. Wilkes advised this is requesting change in zoning to restricted industrial. DRC and Planning Commission found this to be consistent with the comprehensive plan and recommended approval.

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

MOTION by Commissioner Velazquez, and seconded by Commissioner Becker to approve Ordinance No. 2539 at First Reading and carry it over for a Second Reading. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Kilsheimer, and Commissioners Dean, Velazquez, Becker, and Bankson voting aye.

11. **Ordinance No. 2540 – First Reading – Change of Zoning.** The City Clerk read the title as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2540

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING FROM “COUNTY” A-1 TO “CITY” RCE-1 FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED AT 2228 VICK RD., COMPRISING 4.77 ACRES MORE OR LESS, AND OWNED BY SOUTH PASS LLC; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Kilsheimer announced this was a quasi-judicial hearing. Witnesses were sworn in by the clerk.

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

MOTION by Commissioner Velazquez, and seconded by Commissioner Bankson to approve Ordinance No. 2540 at First Reading and carry it over for a Second Reading. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Kilsheimer, and Commissioners Dean, Velazquez, Becker, and Bankson voting aye.

12. **Ordinance No. 2541 – First Reading – Right-of-Way Vacate.** The City Clerk read the title as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2541

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, TO VACATE PORTIONS OF UNNAMED RIGHT OF WAY; LOCATED EAST OF HERMIT SMITH ROAD AND SOUTH OF GENERAL ELECTRIC ROAD; AND IN SECTION 06, TOWNSHIP 21, RANGE 28 OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK, FOR SEVERABILITY, FOR CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Kilsheimer announced this was a quasi-judicial hearing. Witnesses were sworn in by the clerk.

Mr. Beckett advised this is a request to vacate portions of an unnamed right-of-way. The only party being affected is the property owner. The utility providers have been notified and have no objection. DRC recommends approval.

Mayor Kilsheimer 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 Dean to approve Ordinance No. 2541 at First Reading and carry it over for a Second Reading. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Kilsheimer, and Commissioners Dean, Velazquez, Becker, and Bankson voting aye.

City Council recessed at 3:21 p.m. and reconvened at 3:29 p.m.

13. **Resolution No. 2016-35 - Economic Development Grant and Tax Abatement Agreement – Qorvo US, Inc.** The City Clerk read the title as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-35

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, RECOMMENDING THAT QORVO US, INC. BE APPROVED AS A QUALIFIED TARGET INDUSTRY BUSINESS PURSUANT TO SECTION 288.106, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATED 10 PERCENT SHARE OF \$120,000 AS LOCAL PARTICIPATION IN THE QUALIFIED TARGET INDUSTRY TAX REFUND PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEARS 2017-2025; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Jim Hitt, Community Development Director, explained there are two parts to this. The first one is the qualified target industry program which is QTI that is designed through the state and allows the City to do funding bringing it back through taxes. Once a building is developed, especially with the Qorvo US, Inc., also known as Tri Quint, at 1818 North Orange Blossom Trail, next to Walmart. He advised they are looking to add approximately a 34,000 square foot facility to the south east corner. They are looking to hire at least 100 new jobs, most of whom will be engineers. There will also be other personnel and management jobs. He said they were applying for approximately \$600,000 through the QTI funding program through the state, and 80% of that is taken up by the state who pays back a portion of those funds for each of these jobs created. The remaining 20% is a team effort by Orange County and the City over the course of the eight year program. He explained as the jobs come in and the building is built, taxes go up on the properties. The City would siphon a portion of the taxes to pay the per job basis. The first year we would not see any taxes, but after that it increases in increments as indicated in the chart provided. The second portion of this is the tax abatement portion wherein a 50% of the taxes would be an abatement back to the owner for a period of eight years. He advised there would be an agreement with Qorvo for this tax abatement.

Meagan McDonald, Orlando Economic Development Commission, has been working on this

with city staff. She said prior to that she was at Enterprise Florida, the state economic development organization, so she has some knowledge from both sides of how this works. She explained the 50% idea came from Orange County that typically does two levels of a tax abatement, a 10 year 50% or a 10 year 100% based upon the capital investment, jobs creation and wages. City staff worked with Orange County to come up with the best option.

James McCoy, Qorvo, Inc., said they started in Apopka in 1982 as Sawtek and through mergers they became Qorvo. He explained this is work on electronics, such as smartphones, etc. and they use sophisticated tools which creates jobs that have a high rate of pay. They desire to keep the facility in Apopka long term. He explained this is a very clean operation and a lot of the people work on new design of products. He explained that Greenville, NC is also competing to have this expansion there. He said for some time they have been working with Orange County and the state to keep this here in Apopka. He spoke of the tremendous amount of jobs that will be created in the community.

Mayor Kilsheimer opened the meeting to public comment.

Suzanne Kidd said this sounds like a terrific opportunity for Apopka, and she referenced the impact fees Council is looking to approve, stating this was an opportunity to generate some of those impact fees. She stated, on the other hand, was there any guarantee after the 8 years of tax abatement that the business would remain here.

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

MOTION by Commissioner Velazquez, and seconded by Commissioner Bankson to approve Resolution No. 2016-35. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Kilsheimer, and Commissioners Dean, Velazquez, Becker, and Bankson voting aye.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS – No reports.

MAYOR’S REPORT – Mayor Kilsheimer reminded everyone the State of the City Address will be held Monday, 8:00 a.m. at Highland Manor.

NOT REQUIRING ACTION

1. Thank you letter to the Public Services Department from Resident.
2. Thank you letter from Deanna Killian for the Ann Dupee memorial flowers.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

_____/s/_____
Joseph E. Kilsheimer, Mayor

ATTEST:

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